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33. [REDACTED]

LIAISON Mr. Knoche and I picked up Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D., Hawaii), Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, at the Senate Office Building and took him to the White House for a meeting there. We took this opportunity to discuss with Chairman Inouye the issue of "surveillance" of members of the Committee. Senator Inouye made it clear that while he had used the term "surveillance" with respect to his request to the FBI, to the military intelligence agencies, and to CIA, he did not intend that the Agency or any of these intelligence organizations conduct active surveillance of Committee members or staff. He did repeat statements which he made earlier, however, that he has asked these departments and agencies to be alert to any information which might come to their attention and which would indicate that either the members or the staff of the Committee were the targets of foreign governments.

Later in the day, following up on these discussions and conversation between Mr. Knoche and Bill Miller, Staff Director of the Senate Select Committee, I talked with Miller and reviewed with him a draft statement which he had pulled together on this subject. Miller had included in his statement a sentence which said that the FBI and CIA had denied that they were conducting any surveillance. I told Miller the tone of this sentence left the impression that while the FBI and CIA had denied this, perhaps the Committee had other thoughts. I suggested that he include in his statement sentences which would say that there was no misunderstanding between the Committee, the Bureau and the Agency on this matter and that the intelligence agencies had confirmed that they were not conducting any surveillance either of the members or the staff of the Select Committee. (The statement that there was no misunderstanding was not included in the release made by Spencer Davis, of the Select Committee staff, but Davis and [REDACTED] were put in contact with one another to assure that these statements conveyed the understanding which had been reached by Chairman Inouye, Mr. Knoche, and the White House on this subject.)

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